

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

H.J.R. 96, § 1

*the state are considered to be reasonably expected to be paid from other revenue sources if they are designed to receive revenues other than state general revenues sufficient to cover their debt service over the life of the bonds or agreement. If those bonds or agreements, or any portion of the bonds or agreements, subsequently requires use of the state's general revenue for payment, the bonds or agreements, or portion of the bonds or agreements, is considered to be a "state debt payable from the general revenue fund" under this section, until:*

*(1) the bonds or agreements are backed by insurance or another form of guarantee that ensures payment from a source other than general revenue; or*

*(2) the issuer demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Bond Review Board or its successor designated by law that the bonds no longer require payment from general revenue, and the Bond Review Board so certifies to the Legislative Budget Board or its successor designated by law.*

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held on November 4, 1997. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment limiting the amount of state debt payable from the general revenue fund."

Passed by the House on April 9, 1997: Yeas 143, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 7, 1997: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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H.J.R. No. 83

A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to prescribe the qualifications of constables.

*BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 18, Article V, Texas Constitution, is amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

*(g) The Legislature by general law may prescribe the qualifications of constables.*

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 1997. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to prescribe the qualifications of constables."

Passed by the House on April 29, 1997: Yeas 108, Nays 38, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 19, 1997: Yeas 28, Nays 2.

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H.J.R. No. 96

A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to authorize an ad valorem tax of five cents for each \$100 of taxable property in rural fire prevention districts located in Harris County.

*BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:*

SECTION 1. Section 48-d, Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 48-d. (a) The Legislature shall have the power to provide for the establishment and creation of rural fire prevention districts and, *except as provided by Subsection (b) of this section*, to authorize a tax on the ad valorem property situated in said districts not to exceed Three (3c) Cents on the One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars valuation for the support thereof.